

BALDWIN LIKELY TO BE SPEAKER

Election of Penrose Candidate Certain, Organization Leaders Say

GALL OPPOSITION WEAK

Richard J. Baldwin, of Delaware County, appears to be certain of being elected speaker of the next House of Representatives, according to Republican organization leaders.

The claims made by the Penrose lieutenant who are managing the Baldwin campaign that the Penrose candidate will have between 143 and 119 votes in the House are not being disputed by the Vreeland-Burnham leaders who have brought out Edwin R. Cox of Philadelphia, Baldwin's opponent, in recent moves.

The anti-Baldwin campaign outside of Philadelphia, announced by the State administration, is under the direction of Paul N. Furman, statistician in the Department of Labor and Industry, who is an applicant for the position of manager of the State Insurance Fund.

The anti-Baldwin leaders have, within the last few days, made a canvass of the members-elect of the House outside of Philadelphia. The members-elect have been asked if they would vote for Cox and then if they would vote for George W. Williams, of Toga County and, thirdly, if they would vote for Charles Walter, of Franklin County.

The fact that the names of three candidates are being used, with that of Cox first, is being pointed to by the backers of the Baldwin candidacy as an indication of the weakness of the opposition to Penrose in the speakership fight.

The State administration's canvass of the members-elect is regarded as a test of strength in all directions, to determine whether to make the fight on the issue of Baldwin's record as a reactionary, to make it on the wet and dry issue, on the possibility of the Penrose forces agreeing to some such candidate as Walter on a compromise or whether to take no part whatever in the Republican caucus, at which the Speaker undoubtedly will be chosen.

RECORDS CONTRASTED

The Cox candidacy was launched on the issue of the respective records of Cox and Baldwin. Cox has been a steadfast supporter of the progressive legislation, such as child labor, workmen's compensation, women's work, cold storage and the loan shark law. He also voted for local option last session.

Baldwin, on the other hand, has always been one of the principal opponents of these measures, and has the support of the liquor interests, manufacturers and insurance companies in his present fight.

DISTRIBUTION BLAMED FOR HIGH COST OF FOOD

"Antiquated Freight System the Real Cause," Says John A. McSparran, State Grange Master

"An abominable and antiquated system of distribution" is the real cause of the high cost of living, according to John A. McSparran, master of the Pennsylvania State Grange, who is in Philadelphia to make final arrangements for the annual meeting of the grange which will open next Thursday in the Academy of Music.

"The high cost of living is a freight problem," he said. "In some cases the farmer is getting the blame. The truth of the matter is that the farmer is getting only a small share of the profit which is not in proportion to the advance in prices he has to pay for equipment."

"The present condition is blamable on the abominable and antiquated system of distribution. The freight trains are operated on the car lot system, and this arrangement necessitates the middleman, to whom the big profits go. The freight train, Mr. McSparran said, legislation would be suggested at the grange meeting to expedite the handling of food at a minimum cost."

Fair Association Elects

WILMINGTON, Dec. 7.—Newly elected directors of the Delaware State Fair Association have organized by electing these officers: President, J. Atwood Weidlin; vice president, Frederick Brady; treasurer, L. Scott Townsend; secretary, S. H. Wilson, Jr. The 1917 State fair will be held September 3 to 7.

Farmers Violate Weight Laws

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Dec. 7.—H. H. Seltzer, Sealer of Weights and Measures, has reported to the City Council that 104 scales and measures were found faulty within the last month. Farmers were found to be frequent violators of the law.

BLAZE AT THE ZOO! 500 ANIMALS YELL "FIRE" IN 500 DIFFERENT "TONGUES"

"Where Is It?" the Lion and Bear Roar—"Get a Gait On!" Squeaks the Parrot—Elephants "Volunteer" to Serve as Hosemen

Think of a hundred men and women each yelling "fire" in different languages. Multiply this effect by 500 and you may get some idea of the chorus at the zoo when the inhabitants discovered a big blaze.

The zoo doesn't have to possess a college diploma to know that fire is dangerous. The animals saw it and smelled it at the same time, and they expressed their opinions in their own way.

As a result of the international excitement today they are in a condition of nervous prostration or ennui or whatever the animals call it.

It was suspected that the flames had been started by the fiery temper of one of the snakes, but this proved untrue. The monkeys held a holiday. They climbed to the top of their cages and watched the smoke. A wave of gloom came over the cages when they learned that the fire was out. Thus ended the tale of the fire at the zoo.

DEPARTMENTS IN ROW OVER CUSTODY OF BODY

Park Guard and Deputy Coroner Dispute Over Corpse of Negro Taken Ill in Square

Police officials park guards, a deputy coroner and physicians quarreled and argued for several hours late last night over the body of a negro, George Nelson, of Capital and Brown streets, who fell unconscious in Rittenhouse Square. Park Guard Koehler, who found the negro, said the man died on the way to the Polyclinic Hospital, where he had sent him in a patrol wagon, and under the rules of the Park Commission, the body should be taken to the Woodford Guard House.

Hospital physicians said the negro died in the hospital. They ordered the body sent to the morgue, but Koehler objected and was supported by his superiors. The body was kept in the hospital all night as a result of the clash, pending further investigation.

Fire Destroys Stable, Kills Horses

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Dec. 7.—Three horses were burned when a large stable on Atlantic avenue, directly back of the center of the city, was destroyed by a fire which started on the north side of the street and spread early today. Several engine companies did all they could to prevent the fire spreading through a neighborhood of frame constructions.

Held for Insulting Flag

FREESPORT, L. I., Dec. 7.—On the charge of insulting the United States flag, Charles Lenker, a florist, was arrested today. It is alleged that Lenker used abusive language toward the flag.

HUGHES AND MÜLLER Tailors 1527 Walnut St. Advertisement for a tailor shop featuring a 'Handy Volume' issue.

A. S. HILTON & SONS 135 SOUTH 13TH ST. Near Walnut Street. Advertisement for a jewelry store featuring diamonds, watches, and jewelry.

BOSELLI RIAFFERMA LA FEDE DELL'ITALIA

La Nazione Continuera' la Guerra Per il Completo Trionfo del Diritto dei Popoli

BUCAREST E' CADUTA

Bucarest, la capitale della Romania, e' caduta nelle mani delle truppe di MacKenzen, come si vedeva da alcuni giorni. Anche la citta' di Ploesti, importante centro petrolifero e ferroviario, e' stata occupata dalle forze tedesche. Essa e' a circa 35 miglia a nord-ovest di Bucarest, e si dice in certi circoli che la sua caduta puo' ostacolare la ritirata di parte dell'esercito rumeno.

Così e' un'altra capitale delle nazioni dell'Intesa, la quarta, che cade nelle mani degli eserciti Kaiser.

Il presidente del Consiglio, on. Boselli, pronuncio' ieri un importante discorso davanti alla Camera dei Deputati, un lungo discorso nel quale si occupo' della situazione internazionale. Egli dichiaro' che le potenze dell'Intesa non intendevano affatto forzare la Grecia ad intervenire nel conflitto europeo, ne' intendevano appoggiare alcun movimento anti-dinastico in quel paese.

On. Boselli riaffermo' solennemente davanti alla Camera plausibile la ferma decisione dell'Italia di continuare la guerra insieme con i suoi alleati al trionfo completo del diritto e di impedire tutte le energie affinché fosse restituita la liberta' e l'indipendenza, al Belgio, alla Serbia ed al Montenegro, cio' che e', egli disse, il nobile ed essenziale obiettivo della guerra.

Chiedendo il suo discorso, on. Boselli mando' un caldo saluto alla valorosa sorella latina, la Romania, augurando la sua vittoria finale.

Nel suo discorso on. Boselli rifece la storia della partecipazione dell'Italia alla guerra europea, enumerando le ragioni che la spinsero ad entrare nel conflitto.

A provare che l'Italia e' preparata a condurre vigorosamente la sua guerra, egli cito' il fatto che vi sono attualmente in Italia ben 2100 stabilimenti industriali che lavorano a fabbricare materiale da guerra, all'opera del qual sono per un quinto donne.

BUILDING SOCIETY RULING

Court Decides Property Sales Must Be Ratified by Directors

The secretary of a building and loan association has no right to sell property without ratification by the board of directors, according to a decision handed down by Judge Patterson today.

The case was that of the St. Charles Building and Loan Association and Alfred R. Holdridge, who brought suit to compel the association to carry out the sale of properties at 6235-37-39 Callowhill street.

The defendants claimed that George J. Mellor, secretary of the association, entered into the contract and that, therefore, they could not be held.

Police Court Chronicle

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